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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

CEREAL FOR BABIES, INSTANT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description (CID).

1. SCOPE. This CID covers instant cereal for babies, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties.

2. PURCHASER NOTES.

2.1 Purchasers *shall specify* the following:

- Type(s) of instant cereal for babies desired (Sec. 3).
- When the age requirement at the time of delivery is other than specified (Sec. 5.5).
- Manufacturer's/distributor's certification (Sec. 8.2) or USDA certification (Sec. 8.3).

2.2 Purchasers *may specify* the following:

- Manufacturer's quality assurance (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.1), (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.2), or (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.3).
- Special labeling and packaging requirements (Sec. 9).

3. CLASSIFICATION. The instant cereal for babies shall conform to the following list which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Types.

- Type I** - Rice
Type II - Wheat

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- Type III** - Oat
Type IV - Barley
Type V - Corn
Type VI - High Protein (with soya powder)
Type VII - Mixed

4. MANUFACTURER'S/DISTRIBUTOR'S NOTES. Manufacturer's/distributor's products *shall meet the requirements of the:*

- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Manufacturer's/distributor's assurance (Sec. 6).
- Regulatory requirements (Sec. 7).
- Quality assurance provisions: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 8).
- Packaging requirements other than commercial: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 9).

5. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

5.1 Raw ingredients. The instant cereal for babies shall be prepared from clean, sound grains free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

5.2 Processing. The instant cereal for babies shall be prepared in accordance with good manufacturing practices (21 CFR Part 110).

5.3 Finished product. The instant cereal for babies shall be completely cooked and flaked. It shall be of suitable size such that it is readily mixable in milk or water and is usable as a food supplement for infants.

5.3.1 Appearance and color. When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a characteristic appearance and color of the type of instant cereal for babies used.

5.3.2 Odor and flavor. When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a odor and flavor characteristic of the type of instant cereal for babies used. There shall be no foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to, rancid, bitter, raw, starchy, sour, or other undesirable odors and flavors.

5.3.3 Texture. When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a characteristic texture.

5.3.4 Fortification. Unless otherwise specified, the product shall be fortified at a level not to exceed 50 percent of the Daily Value (DV) for infants per 1/2 ounce serving.

5.4 Foreign material. There shall be no evidence of foreign material such as, but limited to dirt, insect parts, hair, wood, glass, or metal.

5.5 Age requirement. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the instant cereal for babies shall be manufactured not more than 45 days prior to delivery to the purchaser. The instant cereal for babies shall have a shelf life of at least one year from the date of manufacture.

6. MANUFACTURER'S/DISTRIBUTOR'S PRODUCT ASSURANCE. The manufacturer/distributor shall certify that the instant cereal for babies provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to their own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same instant cereal for babies offered for sale in the commercial market. The purchaser reserves the right to require proof of conformance.

7. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. The delivered instant cereal for babies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the instant cereal for babies within the commercial marketplace. Delivered instant cereal for babies shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS. *Purchaser shall specify 8.2 or 8.3; purchaser may specify 8.1 with 8.1.1, or 8.1 with 8.1.2, or 8.1 with 8.1.3.*

8.1 Manufacturer's quality assurance. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the product manufacturer shall be required to provide evidence, by certificate, that the manufacturing plant has undertaken one of the following quality assurance measures within 12 months prior to providing a bid, or no later than 10 business days from the date of awarding of the contract. Failure to provide this documentation within the proper time frame may result in the contract being terminated for cause.

8.1.1 Plant systems audit. A plant systems audit (PSA) conducted by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) or another audit performed by a third party auditing service is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(A FGIS PSA verifies the manufacturer's capability to produce products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current*

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Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food, and verifies that the manufacturer has in place an internal quality assurance program. The FGIS PSA determines the manufacturer's ability to produce under this CID, if the products of interest are identified at the time of the PSA.)

8.1.2 Plant survey. A plant survey conducted by FGIS or another survey performed by a third party auditing service is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(A FGIS plant survey audit verifies that, at the time of the survey, the manufacturer produces products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food.)*

8.1.3 Total Quality Systems Audit. A total quality systems audit (TQSA) conducted by USDA/Farm Service Agency (FSA) is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(A FSA TQSA verifies the manufacturer's capability to produce products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food, and verifies that the manufacturer has in place an internal quality assurance program. The FSA TQSA determines the manufacturer's ability to produce under this CID, if the products of interest are identified at the time of the TQSA.)*

8.2 Manufacturer's/distributor's certification. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the manufacturer/distributor will certify that the instant cereal for babies distributed meets or exceeds the requirements of this CID.

8.3 USDA certification. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order that product quality or acceptability or both be determined, FGIS shall be the certifying agency. The FGIS inspectors shall certify the quality and acceptability of the instant cereal for babies in accordance with agency procedures which include selecting random samples of the instant cereal for babies, evaluating the samples for conformance with the salient characteristic of this CID and other contractual requirements, and documenting the findings on official score sheets and/or certificates. In addition, when required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, FGIS inspectors will examine the instant cereal for babies for conformance to the United States Standards of Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

9. PACKAGING. Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be in accordance with good commercial packaging unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

10. USDA INSPECTION NOTES. When Section 8.3 is specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, USDA certification shall include evaluation of the quality and condition of samples of instant cereal for babies, and compliance with requirements in the following areas:

- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Packaging requirements (Sec. 9 or as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order).

11. REFERENCE NOTES.

11.1 USDA Certification Contacts.

11.1.1 USDA certification contact. For USDA certification, contact the **Policies and Procedures Branch, Field Management Division, FGIS, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA), USDA, STOP 3630, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3630, telephone (202) 720-0252, Fax (202) 720-1015, or via E-mail: Henry.C.Greenwood@usda.gov or Robert.S.Lijewski@usda.gov.**

11.1.2 Total Quality Systems Audit contact. Inquiries about services and fees should be directed to: **Warehouse Licensing and Examination Division, Stop 9148, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-6476, telephone (816) 926-6417 or Fax (816) 926-1774, or the Internet at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/pdd/tqsa.htm>.**

11.2 Sources of documents.

11.2.1 Source of information for nongovernmental document is as follows:

Copies of the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International may be obtained from: **AOAC International, 481 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 500, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, telephone (301) 924-7077. Internet address: <http://www.aoac.org>.**

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11.2.2 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of the: Fair Packaging and Labeling Act are contained in 16 CFR Parts 500 to 503 and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. These documents may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1803 or on the Internet at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.**

Copies of this CID, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers, and beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc. and any data which may improve this CID are available from and/or provided to: **Head, Food Quality Assurance Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243, telephone (202) 720-9939, Fax (202) 690-0102, via E-mail: FQASStaff@usda.gov or on the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvqual.hmt>.**

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